

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. This response is believed to fully address all issues raised in the Office Action mailed August 17, 2009. Furthermore, no new matter is believed to have been introduced hereby. Claims 1-21 remain under examination.

35 USC § 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobata et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0023695) in view of Spraggs (U.S. Patent No. 6,941,454).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed since the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the claimed combination of features as set forth in any of the pending claims.

Without limiting the scope of embodiments of the invention, only in an effort to impart precision to the claims (e.g., by more particularly pointing out embodiments of the invention, rather than to avoid prior art), and merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to in part recite two servers (a mail server and an authentication server).

It is respectfully submitted that the cited art, alone or in combination, clearly fail to teach or even suggest the claimed combination of features such as set forth in claim 1. For example, the cited art fails to teach (or even suggest) the two claimed servers. Support for this amendment may be found in the specification, e.g., Fig. 1.

The remaining independent claims recite similar (though not identical) language and have been rejected for similar reasons as claim 1. Hence, these remaining independent claims should be allowable for at least similar reasons as claim 1, as well as additional or alternative elements that are recited therein but not shown in the cited prior art.

Also, all pending dependent claims should be allowable for at least similar reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as additional or alternative elements that are recited therein but not shown in the cited prior art.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (303-800-6678) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

Respectfully submitted,

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